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Senator Urges Moratorium On Viet Bombing

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Stephen Young (D., Ohio) has asked President Johnson to declare a five-day halt to bombing of North Viet Nam. The moratorium should be used "to give the Viet Cong and Hanoi officials an opportunity to agree to join us in bona fide peace negotiations," Young said.

In a letter sent to the White House, the senator also described reports that Central Intelligence Agency employes in Viet Nam have been responsible for murders, executions, and "outrages against native women."

Young, who recently toured Southeast Asia, said a U.S. official told him that Vietnamese employes of the CIA had been guilty of such acts while posing as Viet

Cong.

"I would not wish to disclose to anyone except you the U.S. agency for which this American is employed, else I feel some of the 400 or more CIA agents in Viet Nam would probably interview American officials of that agency trying to determine who knew me or had talked with me," Young told the President.

The senator argued that the CIA presence in Viet Nam is unnecessary.

"I consider that our Air Force, Navy, Marine, and Army intelligence officers are adequate," he said. "I have confidence in them. I lack confidence in the CIA."

He suggested that peace talks be held in Geneva or some Asian city "with no strings attached" and that they seek "a ceasefire with neutrality and self-determination for Viet Nam, both north and south, based on the 1954 Geneva accords."

Young's recommended goal: "To achieve a ceasefire and ultimate peace with neither the Viet Cong and Hanoi government nor the United States an arrogant winner nor an abject loser."